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5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061

Rockville, MD 20852

**Re: Required long-termed testing of genetically-engineered foods**

**Required labeling of genetically-engineered foods.**

Dear FDA Commissioner:

I am very concerned about the marketing of genetically engineered foods under the new, proposed rules. It does not seem to be good science or in the best interest of public health to allow these foods on the market without adequate and exhaustive testing. They must be proven to be fit for human consumption before they are allowed on the market. FDA policy must not be driven by profit for manufacturers of these products, but rather be driven first by clear, and prior, proof of their safety.

Further, all such products must be labeled clearly as genetically engineered foods. Manufacturers will only label their products if it is required. As a health-conscious consumer, I want to be informed and allowed to choose what I eat and what my family eats. I am concerned about not being able to identify toxic reactions to these products or discovering, years later, that these foods have created health consequences for myself and my loved ones.

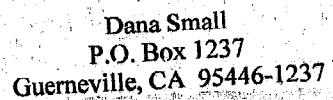
Please, require labeling of all genetically engineered foods and additives. Require further that these foods be subject to thorough pre-market testing. Do not allow the U.S. public to be guinea pigs for industry. Do not allow these products on the market until they have been subjected to long-termed testing and are proven safe for human consumption.

Thank you.

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